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1903 01 07

Saffron Walden rural council categorised its roads in four groups: main, (County Council) roads with which they have no concern; chief roads on which the traffic is considerable and heavy, such as those from Stump Cross and Ashdon to Walden; secondary roads in which the traffic is slight, such as that from Littlebury towards Ickleton, and accommodation roads leading to one or more farms or houses but with no through traffic, such as Cates' Lane in Ashdon and Building End lane in Chrishall

1910 02 04

The Chequers public house, Shudy Camps stood on a side road at the Horseheath end of the village. There was a house on the main road within about half-a-mile and only 18 private houses near. The pub was in good order, having been rebuilt 10 years ago. It sold a barrel of beer a week and had no spirit licence. It was not required, police told magistrates. They also objected to the George and Dragon at Linton, a beerhouse off the main thoroughfare. There was no trade done there, they were simply selling off stock. The Crown was about 130 yards away. also: Pampisford brewery and problems with pubs at West Wickham, West Wrating, Ickleton with note on number of pubs in each village. 10 02 04 I & j & k

1911 09 15

Ickleton miniature rifle club – 11 09 15e

1911 12 29

Christmas had not passed without a tragedy as the body of a woman was taken from the river at the Fort St George. She'd gone into Cambridge to fetch a plum pudding from a friend who gave her one every year, and to collect a parcel from the Ickleton carrier. Then she'd met her daughter, a wardmaid at Addenbrooke's Hospital. It is thought she was going home with her parcel along the towing path when she slipped into the water – it was a very dark night – and drowned. Her body was caught on the bottom chain of Walter Pauley's ferry. Thomas Reuben Hart, photographer, of 53 Humberstone Road, applied artificial respiration as an ambulance man 11 12 29

1912 05 24

Ickleton's new Conservative club house was opened. A large barn near the church has been almost completely reconstructed with a room 55 feet long and an annexe suitable for a dressing-room, making it convenient for concerts, dances and other entertainments. It will be furnished with a bagatelle board, billiards table, newspapers and periodicals. The club will be open every weeknight except in the summer when most of the members will be busy in their gardens. 12 05 24h & i

1912 09 20

A Hildersham miller and baker told the bankruptcy court he'd started in 1886 with a windmill at Ickleton, then worked as a baker in London. In 1904 he bought Hildersham mill with two cottages from Mr French for £150 and built a bakehouse. He'd ground and sold the new Standard bread, advertising a great deal and got special vans and extra horses. But his attempts to sell in Cambridge had failed. So he started a shop in Linton for a few months but could not make it pay 12 09 20a & b

1913 11 21

Ickleton dramatic entertainment school room

1913 12 05

Two Ickleton boys aged 11 and eight were charged with stealing two plough wheels, one plough stalk and a shoulder from a field. They had tied the wheel to a piece of string and dashed it against a wall before selling the bits to a man for twopence. Their mother asked the court for leniency but magistrate said it was her responsibility to bring up her children. They would be birched. On the sentence the mother and lads burst into tears. But it was no use making a row about it: it would do the boys good. They were removed from the court, howling loudly

1914 01 09

New Vicar Appointed.—The living of Ickleton has been offered by the Lord Chancellor to the Rev. Philip Henry Cooke, who has accepted the preferment. Mr. Cooke is curate of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. He took his B.A. degree at London University in 1881, and was ordained in 1889, and has held curacies in the East End of London. The present Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, enters on his new duties at Greenwich in February. 14 01 09

1914 08 21

Ickleton Church. — New lamps have just been given to the church, with money provided by a few subscribers, the Needlework Guild, the Mothers Union and house-to-house collections made by Mr. Carver. Twelve new lamps have been supplied, and it is hoped that when the collections are finished at least two more may be added. – 1914 08 21 CIPof

1914 09 18

Gale.—On Monday a violent gale blew over the village (Ickleton). A tall poplar tree in Hinxton Street was blown right across the road doing damage to a wall and stopping traffic till it could be removed. A large part of a tall tree in a meadow opposite the church was torn down. In different parts of the village thatch was partly blown off some of the newly-made corn stacks. The gale also saved a good deal of fruit picking. 14 09 18

1914 09 18

Village enlistment – Newton, Quy, Ickleton, Gransden, Boxworth, Fen Drayton, Elsworth, Abington, Willingham, Linton, Histon, Conington

1914 11 13

Belgian refugees – Carlton, Waterbeach, Bassingbourn, Sawston, Willingham, Horningsea, Elsworth, Fowlmere, Ickleton, Cheveley

1914 11 13

Belgians, Ickleton

1914 12 11

Ickleton, Gamlingay Belgians

1915 09 10

Ickleton Red Cross Hospital – more wounded arrive

1916 11 29

Volunteers,—Major Howard, O.C. 2nd Battalion. Cambs, Volunteer Regiment, visited Sawston on Sunday to inspect the local volunteers. Detachments came over from Duxford, Whittlesford, and France, Hinxton and Ickleton while Mr. F. W. Green and Sergt. Instructor Gall brought a strong contingent from Shelford. The inspection took place in Sawston Hall grounds, the number on parade being 110. Following the inspection, the Major addressed the men, and said he was very pleased with the appearance, and with the way the various movements were being carried out

1918 01 23

Record floods due heavy fall of snow, Jan 15-16; commons covered; Sawston, Ickleton, St Ives –

1918 01 23

Great havoc and distress was caused by flooding to houses situate in Mill Lane, Sawston, the houses being under water some four or five deep from Saturday midday until Monday morning. The deepest flood for 15 or 20 years was experienced at Ickleton on Saturday. The river began to overflow on Friday afternoon, so that several meadows were under water, but by early Saturday morning the meadows between Ickleton and Chesterford were inundated. The people in Mill Street had a very unpleasant experience, as the street was flooded from one end to the other to the depth of several feet.

Most of the people had to keep in their houses, and in some cases the basements of the houses had about six or more inches of water . . . If the river had been banked up along the meadow at the bottom of the street much inconvenience would have been saved. 18 01 23a

1918 02 27

The Floods. We understand that a special committee has been appointed to find out the cause of the recent flooding of Mill Lane Sawston where damage was done to homes of people and other property. A preliminary meeting has already been held, and it has been decided that a thorough inspection of the river is to be made shortly to find out the cause and to suggest, if possible, a remedy to prevent floods of a similar description. The Special Committee consists of representatives of the Linton Rural District Council, the Sawston, Whittlesford, Duxford and Ickleton Parish Councils, and Mr. H. G. Spicer of the Sawston Paper Mill together with the District Surveyor.

1919 01 22

January 22, 1919

Presentation. At the closing of the Red Cross Hospital in Ickleton, Mrs. G. Bowen, the Commandant, presented Mr. W. J. Carver, with a travelling clock as a mark of her appreciation of his work in keeping the hospital accounts for nearly three years.

1919 04 16

Influenza. On account of the several cases of influenza in the village (Ickleton), the school was closed on Monday last, April 14, and is to remain closed until after the Easter Holidays.

1919 06 18

Big gathering of mothers. About 400 members of the Mothers Union in the Camps Rural Deanery assembled at Balsham Rectory. They hailed from Whittlesford, Sawston, Pampisford, Ickleton, Duxford, Castle Camps, Horseheath, Linton, Bartlow and Balsham. They partook of tea, and were addressed by the Bishop of Ely and Mrs. Eager, from the Central Mothers' Union, London.

1920 01 07

Rats killed. Up to December 3rd last the number of rats killed in the county and paid for by Cambs County Council under the Rats Order, was 35,516. The districts concerned were: Little Abington (number of rats killed 504), Ashley (980), Balsham (2,718), Borough Green (358), Bottisham (999), Cheveley (631). Chippenham (838), Great Chishill (322), Croxton (225), Dullingham (1,205), Duxford (754), Elsworth (39), Fordham (8,072), Fowlmere (489), Harston (322), Hauxton (186). Heydon (1,593), Hildersham (236). Horseheath (324), Ickleton (1,095), Isleham (3,809), Kennett (1,422). Kirtling (396), Kneesworth (549), Linton (584), Lode (548), Melbourn (442), Newton (160), Pampisford (429), Sawston (332), Shepreth (313). Shudy Camps (1.38), Snailwell (786), Soham (2,896), Stetchworth (1,105) Swaffham Prior (1,032), Thriplow (464), Waterbeach (967), West Wickham (995), Whittlesford (324), Great Wilbraham (846), Wood Ditton (2,017).

1923 09 24

A very serious fire, which at one time looked like sweeping away an entire village, broke out at Ickleton on Saturday night. Due to some boys playing with fireworks a stack on Mr Griggs' farm burst into flames and it was not many minutes before the entire stackyard was on fire and it was soon obvious that the only building that could be saved was the farm house itself. By the time the fire engines arrived the sky was lit up for miles around and pieces of burning material were flying over the village. Thatched roofs were continually catching fire and householders were kept busy all night putting out burning parts of their property. The fire soon spread to the Priory Farm. It was not long before the three ponds which had supplied the tenders with water were dry, and the nearest source of supply was the river. It was the biggest fire since the blaze at Chesterford in 1914 and a really big calamity was only averted by 15 hours strenuous work on behalf of all concerned

1924 02 16c

William Salmon of Ickleton, farm foreman told the court that he saw the prisoner in and field and found he had caught a rabbit. Defendant said he had a wife and three children to keep and for the past three months he had been out of work. During that period he had no income at all, because he was not entitled to the dole. He snared the rabbit because they had nothing for dinner. The magistrates said that in the circumstances they would deal leniently with him. He would be fined 10s.

1926 02 15

Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council resolved to purchase three four-valve loudspeaker wireless receiving sets at £20 each, to be sold to villages. They also asked the Women's Institute to sponsor a set, and they had recommended the villages of Orwell and Elsworth. Orwell however, in view of their village hall enterprise, preferred to wait. Ickleton Men's Club had agreed to take one and it had been ordered and would be installed immediately.

1926 02 19

Linton RDC received an application on behalf of Clare College to a subsidy for the erection of a pair of cottages at Ickleton. Mr Brocklebank said the grant was to enable cottages to be built which could not be built if the grant were not given. He could not conceive that the Mater, Fellows and Scholars of Clare College were unable to afford to build these cottages. The council applied for permission to borrow money for the erection of 12 cottages in the parishes of Carlton, West Wickham and Hildersham.

1927 06 10

The Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely presided at a Consistory Court when the Vicar of Ickleton asked for a petition for the casting of all the bells of the church. It had originally been decided that only one be re-cast but the bell-founders advised they should all be done and the work had been completed. This was rather serious. . On account of their wrongful action the bells were lost forever and no order would restore them. The churchwardens were suspended from office and the Vicar reported for acting in a most improper way

1929 09 11

Ickleton Old Mill occupied by electricity supply co destroyed by fire – CDN 11.9.1929

1929 11 16

The benefices of Ickleton and Hinxton may be united because of a shortage of clergy. There would be one minister and one parsonage house could be sold. But Ickleton Church Council said they should be kept apart and that the vicar should live there because it was double the size of Hinxton, the vicarage was the more central and a better house. A lady asked whether the new arrangement would be for all time to which the Chairman replied, "Supposing you discovered coal at Ickleton and started a new town, we should have to consider the matter"

1930 01 13

A mysterious fire with some curious features occurred at the old Mill House, Ickleton. The house adjoins the works of the Ickleton Electricity Supply Company which were burnt down a few weeks ago. Inscribed on a battered tin tray, leaning against the door of the blazing mill, which was completely gutted, firemen found the words 'Revenge is Sweet'. The police have taken possession of the tray and inquiries are being pursued. Two brigades were unable to save the house. The occupier of the house was in Cambridge at the time of the outbreak and his wife was in London.

1933 01 11

During threshing operations at Rectory Farm, Ickleton, a number of stacks became fired, apparently by a backfire from a tractor that was being used. Ickleton Fire Brigade turned out but the water supply was insufficient to extinguish the blaze. Had the wind been in the other direction the extensive farm buildings must have been threatened. 33 01 11a

1935 09 04

James Binney purchased the Manor of Pampisford with the mansion, grounds and estate in 1895. He served as a Magistrate, Deputy-Lieutenant and High Sheriff as well as special constable, churchwarden, chairman of the parish council and Commandant of Duxford and Ickleton Boy Scouts. When the Great War broke out he offered his services and whilst waiting for his commission assisted, with Lady Marjory and Miss Binney, at the Red Cross Hospital at Whittlesford. 35 09 04a.

1947 09 04

Army manoeuvres Bourn Bridge, Ickleton, Abington Park – 37 09 04a

1938 05 18

Ickleton haulage contractor bankruptcy – 38 05 18

1938 08 13

The harvest is in full swing; the dry summer means gain to the heavy land and fenland farmers but a loss to the light lands with corn yield and quality far superior to last year. Against this must be set off the partial failure of the hay, sugar beet, roots and other green crops required to feed the cattle and stock during the coming autumn and winter. At Burwell there is a total failure of fruit owing to severe frosts, Ickleton report a poor year for roots – the soil is much too dry, Oakington wheat looks well but sprouts and cabbage are very poor at Steeple Morden. 38 08 13

1939 10 06

South Cambs RDC discussed a request from the School of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart for the transfer of 300 evacuees from other parishes into Sawston Thirty children had arrived in Ickleton who were dirty, filthy, badly-clothed and badly cared for. They were put into cottages which are clean, bright and healthy and the cottage people had changed them. The children are now clean and tidy, their manners have improved. But if they were taken to Sawston there would be no more evacuees taken in that village. 39 10 06

1941 03 13

A Village Record? The war comforts knitting party in Ickleton have now knitted 2,000 comforts since November, 1939. The members are keener than ever, and more keep joining, there being now just over 100.

1941 10 31

A Wonderful Achievement. Well over 3,000 knitted comforts have now been made by members of the Ickleton War Comforts Knitting Party, this wonderful achievement having been done in just under two years. There were also 50 pairs of stockings sent to be lengthened which are not counted in the total. Ickleton is indeed proud of this effort. Knitting was not started until November 20, 1939, as bandages, etc., were not made till then.

1942 10 16

Well done! A correspondent writes (from Ickleton): "Last week this village could boast of two items to be proud of. First, we nearly doubled our target in the 'tanks for attack.' drive, as we had achieved £3,925 and our target was £2,000. Secondly, the members of the War Comforts Knitting' Party have now knitted just over 4,500 comforts for the troops."

1943 09 24

Village Party.—All the schoolchildren in Hinxton and the parents of those between three and five; were entertained to a real American party on Saturday. Over 100 were present, including youngsters from Ickleton, who' gate-crashed! There was a cinematograph film and games of every description. Sandwiches, lemonade, cakes and—believe it or not—ice cream, were served. No wonder the children cheered enthusiastically. The Rural Dean-. (Rev. A. E. Penney) thanked the Americans for their hospitality. Then, in order to provide each child with a bag of sweets on leaving, the Americans sacrificed their week's sweet rations. Great guys, these Americans.

1945 10 26

Ploughing Match. A ploughing match of the Sawston District Young Farmers' Club and the Hinxtton, Ickleton and Duxford Ploughing Society was held on land belonging to Messrs. A. Home and L. Howe on Saturday, when there were 22 entries for the horse and tractor classes. It was judged by Messrs. A. Tinney, of Horseheath; F. H. Garner, manager of Higham Estates; C. L. Marr and J. Smith. The competitors found ploughing difficult, as the ground was hard. Refreshments on the field were provided by the president, Mr. I. Howe. The event was followed by a ploughmen's supper in the Sawston Village College, the principal guests at which were Mrs. Bowen, who has always taken an interest in agricultural activities in the district, and who presented the prizes; Mr. Howe, Mr S. A. Taylor, Mr. J. A. McMillan, Mr. Tangney and Mr. Marr, Mr. W. L. Wood was toastmaster, and a number of toasts were proposed and replied to. The evening concluded with an entertainment by the Foxton Yokels Concert Party. The following were winners: Single-furrow horse plough—1 S. Pledger, 2 A. Whitehead and H. Nunn (equal). Two-furrow tractor plough—1 S. A. Badcock, D. Neale. Three or more furrow tractor—1 E. C. Barton, 2 F. Whitby, 3 J. Wright. Three or more furrow tractor plough for young farmer's—1 J. Churchman, '2 H. D. J Stigwood, 3 B. Beavis, complimentary, L. Allen. Special prizes: Best horse team—A. Whitehead; best tractor turn-out—D. Stigwood; best work done by a Ransome tractor plough (given by makers)—I. R. Fordham, 2 H. R. Driver.

1958 07 18

Albert 'Tiny' Tarry has settled down nicely as landlord of the Red Lion, Ickleton. But standing in his cellar he was amazed to see a large slate suddenly hurl itself to the floor, landing several feet away, an incident witnessed by village butcher, Bill Griggs. Later a barrel-tapping mallet picked itself up and crashed to the floor. There was no traffic passing by and nobody was moving about. Mrs Tarry now no longer tarries in the cellar longer than she has need. 58 07 18a

1959 01 07

A number of roads flooded following overnight rain and early morning snow. The Caxton village crossroads had water up to eight feet deep and a large lorry was stranded in the middle. Ickleton High Street was flooded and several pigs drowned at Church Hall Farm, Whaddon. Queen's Road, Cambridge, was flooded opposite St John's College with traffic diverted along Grange Road. The level of the Cam was the highest since 1947 and overflowed Pye's Sports Ground. 59 01 07

1960 02 28

Tucked away in a Mr W. Godfrey's storeyard at Ickleton are two disused village fire engines, one about 200 years old. Both pumps were horse drawn and it took 48 people working in relays to operate the older machine. The other, a Victorian model, was in working order until recently. Now they stand alongside the builder's modern fire-fighting appliances, relics of an age when a village fire meant that all able-bodied men round about had to assist in fighting the flames. Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade were keen to obtain them but Mr Godfrey is anxious they should be inherited by his descendants, providing they are interested in looking after them 60 02 28

1960 04 29

"Men's plain socks knitted free" read an advertisement in this newspaper. It was placed by Mrs G. Bowen of 'The Place', Ickleton. This charming woman is 84 years old and loves knitting. During the war she knitted more than 550 pairs and currently finishes four pairs a month. She likes to read while she is knitting but has to concentrate on the heels and so leaves the turning to do until she is not wanting to read. She is always ready to help people and has fought many issues of importance such as council houses and water supplies. She has visited Linton Hospital every fortnight since 1920 taking a bundle of newspapers and magazines. 60 04 29a

1961 12 09

Five villages, Graveley, Ickleton, Hauxton, Toft and Whaddon, have been stimulated into getting their own village halls through the closure of their local church schools. In the past they have been unable



to afford the cost but now hope to purchase the buildings and convert them. The Ministry of Education has made grants for new halls at Stetchworth, Barrington and Lt Shelford while the Carnegie Trust has funded others at Newton, Orwell and Weston Colville. 61 12 09

1962 03 13

An express freight train broke in two as it was passing through Audley End station. The two halves travelled about four miles downhill towards Cambridge and collided on the Ickleton road crossing and bridge outside Gt Chesterford station. A tanker wagon carrying 4,000 gallons of diesel oil was severely damaged causing the oil to spray out over the adjoining fields and seep into a stream. 62 03 13 & a & b

1962 04 13

South Cambs DC Surveyor admitted that their small sewage plant built at Ickleton in 1951 to serve over 20 houses had contravened planning requirements. It was too near some small cottages and had been a bit of a nuisance ever since. They hoped to install main drainage in about four years. In the meantime the village had a high density of septic tank drainage, far in excess of what was now permitted. This meant plans for the erection of 13 bungalows at Coploe Road should be refused, an Inspector was told. 62 04 13a

1962 12 31

Cambridgeshire has not been too badly affected by the cold but Elmdon was cut off, Ickleton lost power on Christmas Day and a cow had to be rescued after it broke through an ice-covered dyke at Braham Farm, Lt Thetford. When pulled out it was too exhausted to stand and was given half a bottle of whisky while a makeshift sledge was constructed. Snow ploughs were used on the Sutton-Earish Road and several major firms have sent gangs to help clear snow after building work ceased. Several bags of barley fell from a lorry at Littlebury proving a stroke of good fortune for wild birds. Hundreds of them fed on the seed and passing motorists had to sound their horns to clear birds from the road. 62 12 31a

1963 10 04

Early in the morning a car crashed through the wall of the Greyhound public house at Ickleton, ran into the saloon bar and then – with its engine still running – bounced back on to the pavement outside. The licensee and his wife were asleep in a bedroom furthest away from the road when there was a terrific noise. The car, a Hillman Super Minx pushed the saloon bar window before it after taking a sharp bend in the road. But only one of the window's ten panes of glass was broken. "The room was only decorated at the beginning of the year – and to think that yesterday I was worried by a dry patch on the wall", his wife said. 63 10 04d

1964 04 03

Ickleton 'Life in a village' photo feature – 64 04 03

1964 05 02

Ickleton open days to aid church – 64 05 02c

1973 10 14

There are still a lot of young people around who remember the Fifties, those golden days when Bill Haley was top of the charts and the permissive society had not been heard of. More than 40 of them got together in Gt Chesterford's village hall to celebrate the 26th birthday of an Ickleton teddy boy. Most of them wore the "teds" uniform of drainpipe trousers, long jackets, bootlace ties, slicked-back Tony Curtis hairdos. They jived until midnight to the music of the Bluebird's Rock 'n' Roll Band. One said, "The only time he doesn't wear his teddy boy clothes is at work, but even there he wears old creepers and one ear-ring" He added "Whatever anybody says I don't think there has ever been anything smarter than 'drains'"

1974 02 27

Some housewives are being charged 100% more for meat than farmers were getting, Mr G. Duke of Ickleton told the Cambridgeshire Farmers Union. Mr Keith Roberts of Great Wrattling maintained that the pig industry was "in a frightful muddle". The return on pigs was £6.90 less than last October while the extra feed costs were £2.95 more. "We need 60p a score to make pigs pay". The Danes were receiving £3 in subsidies for each pig through compensatory amounts paid by the E.E.C.

1974 12 24

It took them most of yesterday to get Lord Lascalles out of a ditch at Gt Chesterford. They used heavy recovery cranes, a lot of sweat and a word or two that you wouldn't hear at midnight mass. His Lordship, a 20-ton traction engine slithered down the side of the bank on his way to a charity do at Ickleton. Uttlesford district councillor, Mr Stephen Neville, was behind the wheel when the accident happened. The engine has raised over £400 for charity this year.

1976 01 05

About 700 homes in mid-Anglia were without electricity today – more than 48 hours after the gales. The areas hit by major faults included Saffron Walden, Ickleton, Burwell, Littleport, Haddenham, Gamlingay and Melbourn. Up until yesterday afternoon between 1,500 and 2,000 homes had been without power. The Fire Brigade dealt with 150 emergency calls and had all their appliances working to make wind-damaged property safe. Thirty caravans were blown over at Caravan International's Newmarket site.

1976 09 01

Ickleton Parish Council is taking up villagers' complaints that pigs and cows have been straying through their streets, gardens and even houses. The pigs have been walking through the streets holding up the traffic, pigs and calves have been eating vegetables in gardens and one woman even had a pig in her dining room. One mother says she saw a pig rooting around her two-month-old baby, asleep in his pram in the garden. The man who owns the animals, a chartered accountant, said he had not kept pigs before he moved to the village: "It would have been more sensible to come and tell me personally. I'm usually here at the weekend".

1978 02 24

The Cambridge Evening News has achieved a feat unprecedented among provincial newspapers by winning three awards in British journalism's most important honours list, the British Press Awards. Chief amongst the News winners is cameraman Tony Jedrej who has won the title of News Photographer of the Year for a picture of a gunman and woman hostage at Ickleton. Reporter Alan Rusbridger receives a commendation in the Young Journalist of the Year class for articles on Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and a punk rock group while Assistant Editor John Alexander is commended in the Provincial Journalist of the Year class.

1980 01 22

A man, described by the judge as a psychopath, was jailed for life for setting fire to St Mary Magdalene Church, Ickleton. He told the court he had decided to burgle Hinxton church but had panicked when he heard the organ being played and left, leaving behind his burglar's tools. He went to Ickleton and stole a set of handbells which he wrapped in a cassock before setting fire to the church using a candle. He was arrested while making his getaway. 80 01 22

1980 02 19

A butcher's run by the Griggs family for three generations is closing because of new more stringent health regulations, though there have been no complaints about hygiene standards. Ickleton, which one had a wide range of shops, will be reduced to a grocer's and a post office & the 500 villagers will have to travel to Sawston or Saffron Walden. The problem arises because the Council wanted an extension for lavatories and hand basins for the two men working in the shop who currently use the facilities in the owner's home. But the shop is not making enough profit to pay for it. 80 02 19

1980 08 29

The man who set fire to Ickleton church last year has written a letter of apology to the vicar of another church he destroyed at Yateley in Hampshire. He'd also tried set fire to Boughton church near Newark where a sparrow was shot during a BBC recording. But no one in Ickleton has received a letter. Repairs should be completed by the middle of next year but they are still waiting to see how much it was going to cost and what the insurance company would pay. 80 08 29

1980 11 20

The Duxford Flyer is equally at home on road or rail. With the rail wheels down she can shunt up to 700 tons of railway wagons at the CIBA-Geigy plastics factory. Using her road wheels she can potter round at a stately six miles an hour. The four-tone Unilokomotive is part of a scheme to end their dependence on two sidings at Great Chesterford and Whittlesford. The new railway leads directly into the works from the main Cambridge-London railway line and relieves Duxford and Ickleton of lorry traffic. 80 11 20

1981 06 24

Ickleton's 900-year-old church was packed for a rededication service marking the completion of a £250,000 restoration programme after it was devastated by incendiarism. The fire destroyed the organ and choir vestry and damaged the roof over the aisles and chancel. The Bishop said that good things had come out of it – a close friendship with the local Methodist church and the revelation of some medieval paintings. 81 06 24a

1986 05 29

Pop bands can't complain about a shortage of recording studios. Heading the list is Spaceward based at Stretham which has been frequented by an impressible array of stars including the Stranglers, who are currently recording their new album there. The 24-track studio uses an extensive range of highly sophisticated equipment and charges £450 a day. On a more modest scale are Kite Studio in Cambridge, Jupiter Recording Studio in Ickleton and Metronome Music in Chatteris which is run by Chris Dennis one of the founder members of Pink Floyd 86 05 29a